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Indicator		Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Change over year %
				One period	Two periods	Three periods		
ACTUAL PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (a)\$m								
Manufacturing	\$m	Mar qr 86	1,048	1,311	1,239	1,221	889	17.9
Finance	\$m	Mar qr 86	379	478	444	352	249	52.2
	\$m	Mar qr 86	418	518	512	584	370	13.0
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES								
Persons in labour force - (b)	'000	Jan 87	2,001.5	2,059.4	2,004.8	2,015.2	1,938.4	3.3
Employed persons	"	Jan 87	1,859.5	1,909.9	1,877.6	1,886.6	1,809.8	2.7
Unemployed persons	"	Jan 87	142.0	149.5	127.2	128.5	128.6	10.4
Overtime worked per employee	hours	Nov 86	1.40	1.22	1.41	1.44	1.56	-10.3
Job vacancies	'000	Nov 86	12.8	12.9	16.8	17.0	15.1	-15.2
Average weekly earnings -								
Males	\$	Aug 86	429.50	425.70	423.50	421.30	407.10	5.5
Females	"	Aug 86	294.50	297.10	290.50	283.80	279.10	5.5
Indexes of weekly award rates(June 1976=100)-								
Wage earners -								
Adult males	index	Nov 86	225.2	225.2	225.2	225.2	220.0	2.4
Adult females	"	Nov 86	222.0	222.0	222.0	222.0	217.0	2.3
Wage and salary earners -								
Adult males	"	Nov 86	222.9	222.9	222.9	222.9	217.9	2.3
Adult females	"	Nov 86	221.3	221.3	221.3	221.3	216.4	2.3
PRICES								
Consumer Price Index,Melbourne(1980-81=100)-								
Food	index	Dec qr 86	158.9	156.1	152.0	147.2	144.2	10.2
Clothing	"	Dec qr 86	151.3	145.9	144.6	138.1	137.9	9.7
Housing	"	Dec qr 86	173.9	171.3	168.6	164.8	161.8	7.5
Household equipment & operation	"	Dec qr 86	161.3	156.8	153.7	152.3	149.2	8.1
Transportation	"	Dec qr 86	164.5	156.8	149.6	153.8	146.5	12.3
Tobacco & alcohol	"	Dec qr 86	176.8	171.8	168.1	165.1	160.7	10.0
Health & personal care	"	Dec qr 86	164.1	151.4	147.4	142.4	138.6	18.4
Recreation & education(Mar qr 1982=100)	"	Dec qr 86	142.1	139.8	136.8	134.1	129.2	10.0
All groups	"	Dec qr 86	162.9	158.2	154.2	151.8	147.8	10.2
Price Indexes of Materials Used in Building, Melbourne,All groups-								
House building(1985-86=100)(c)	index	Nov 86	105.2	105.0	103.9	103.2	99.5	5.7
Other than house building(1979-80=100)	"	Nov 86	176.3	176.0	174.8	173.7	163.7	7.7
BUILDING								
Approvals -								
New houses	No.	Dec 86	2486	2,442	2,700	2,580	2,416	2.9
New other residential buildings	"	Dec 86	445	445	492	457	482	-7.7
Value of all building	\$m	Dec 86	384.4	366.6	346.7	350.2	330.0	16.5
Commencements -								
New houses	No.	Sep qr 86	6,840.0	6,770	6,960	8,210	8,180	-16.4
Value of new houses	\$m	Sep qr 86	445.8	427.7	426.9	496.6	472.9	-5.7
New other residential buildings	No.	Sep qr 86	1,352	1,133	1,387	1,704	1,710	-20.9
Value of new other residential buildings	\$m	Sep qr 86	57.9	47.6	56.5	69.2	68.7	-15.7
Value of non-residential building	"	Sep qr 86	874.1	402.6	485.9	366.1	439.3	99.0
Work done in period	"	Sep qr 86	1,221.1	1,168.5	971.9	1,123.0	1,141.4	7.0
RETAIL SALES(excl motor vehicles,etc)	\$m	Nov 86	1,267.0	1,280.7	1,178.4	1,179.2	1,199.1	5.7
PRODUCTION								
Manufacturing -								
Clay bricks	million	Nov 86	35	38	43	39	39	-10.3
Ready mixed concrete	'000 cu.m	Nov 86	278	291	268	294	267	4.1
Plastics & synthetic resins	tonnes	Nov 86	36,517	41,240	37,231	38,161	53,920	-32.3
Textile floor coverings	'000 sq.m	Nov 86	3,329	3,420	3,058	3,128	3,344	-0.4
Cars & station Wagons	'000	Nov 86	16.9	18.0	18.8	18.5	19.0	-11.1
Wool yarn	tonnes	Nov 86	1,456	1,586	1,387	1,483	1,658	-12.2
Woven fabric -Wool(incl blanketing)	'000 sq.m	Nov 86	355	443	281	303	405	-12.3
Man-made fibre	"	Nov 86	8,700	8,199	6,602	7,318	7,435	17.0
Mining -								
Crude oil	'000 cu.m	Nov 86	2,100	2,252	2,026	1,889	2,403	-12.6
Brown coal	'000 tonnes	Nov 86	3,041	3,433	3,434	3,559	3,133	-2.9
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS								
Cars & station wagons	No.	Dec 86	7,106	8,642	10,043	8,922	10,134	-29.9
Other motor vehicles(incl motor cycles)	"	Dec 86	1,567	2,066	2,409	2,269	2,350	-33.3
BANKS								
Savings - Depositors' balances at end of period	\$m	Dec 86	17,696	17,346	17,250	17,305	14,927	18.6
Major trading -								
Deposits	"	Dec 86	12,421	12,448	12,792	12,521	12,260	1.3
Advances	"	Dec 86	13,110	12,894	12,869	12,571	10,820	21.2
Debits to customers'accounts(d)	"	Dec 86	29,478	25,497	29,890	26,962	25,156	17.2
HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION								
Secured commitments to individuals -								
Savings banks	"	Nov 86	333.7	385.4	321.9	282.7	326.3	2.3
Trading banks	"	Nov 86	283.3	327.0	268.4	231.5	219.9	28.8
Permanent building societies	"	Nov 86	19.9	20.8	16.8	20.5	31.5	-36.8
Other lenders	"	Nov 86	18.4	22.0	20.8	19.9	39.3	-53.2
	"	Nov 86	12.1	15.7	15.8	11.5	35.6	-66.0
OVERSEAS TRADE								
Imports	"	Nov 86	1,194.0	1,235.1	1,329.5	1,145.0	965.7	23.6
Exports(excl re-exports)	"	Nov 86	619.4	561.0	602.1	496.7	714.8	-13.3

(a) By private enterprise. (b) Labour force figures have been adjusted to allow comparison with published data from April 1986. (c) New series. (d) All trading banks, and excluding debits to Commonwealth and State government accounts at branches in the City of Melbourne.